

THE PALATKA NEWS AND ADVERTISER

The Palatka News and Advertiser has been determined by the Third Assistant Postmaster General to be a publication entitled to admission to the mails as Second-Class matter, and has accordingly been so entered at the Palatka postoffice.

An unofficial Newspaper of the Democratic sort—just the kind you should keep in your family.

Published at Palatka, Fla., Thursday of each week by
RUSSELL & VICKERS.

WM. A. RUSSELL, EDITOR.

IN THE WAY OF SETTLEMENT.

A board of arbitration agreeable to both sides has been appointed by the president to settle the coal strike and work in the mines will be resumed pending an adjustment of the differences. The six men composing the commission are all citizens of standing and the tribunal seems to be as evenly balanced as human intelligence could appoint. It is certain that neither side can claim that the commission is packed in either interest at the start. All men are more or less subject to their environment. The harness of human occupation leaves its mark upon the individual. Man's daily toil develops certain muscles out of proportion to others and directs the mind into certain channels or habits of reasoning. It is inevitable that this should be so, and the intelligent men on this all-important commission may differ diametrically and yet honestly.

Two of the men would seem to be inclined toward the side of the operators. Judge Gray, of Delaware, is a man whose official position, associations and general habits of thought would lead him to regard constitutions, vested rights and financial interests as something peculiarly sacred. Thos. H. Watkins of Scranton may be expected to support the cause of the operators and oppose the strikers, because the business men of the coal region are, as a class, bitterly prejudiced against the miners. They hurt business and that is an unpardonable offense.

E. E. Clark of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is not a mere theoretical economist. He is a student and he is also in touch with the labor side of the great question. Bishop Spalding is a man whose calling would lead him to regard the case from the miners' standpoint.

The two doubtful factors are Gen. John M. Wilson and E. W. Parker of Washington, the latter an expert mining engineer. Since they have been selected by the president, although conforming in occupation to the requirements of the coal operators, it may be presumed that they are men of intelligence and decision of character, and that they will act upon their best judgment.

At the present moment President Roosevelt is more prominent in the eyes of the world, more in favor with the people of his country than at any previous time in his career. The American people, regardless of political affiliations, love a president who pushes an important measure without waiting to be forced to action by pressure from behind. Mr. Roosevelt has done something more daring than the storming of a battery, because he has gone ahead of his political associates and advisers to establish a new precedent without questioning the political effect.

SLANDERERS KILLED HER.

Only a few days ago Miss Eva Miller of Richmond, Va., stood before a mirror and fired a bullet through her heart. She left a note saying that certain slanders had been circulated about her and that she could not endure them and so "thought it best to get out of the way of people."

Poor heart. "Done to death by slanderous tongues."

Sensitive to the touch, as innocence always is, foul slander, "whose tongue out-venoms all the worms of the Nile and whose breath rides on the posting winds," had pushed aside the shield over the poor girl's heart and fatally pierced it. Neighborhood chattering who had nothing else to do murdered this girl.

It was not a case of suicide, but of murder. The murderers may have been malicious in their motive, or only thoughtless. But whatever the motive they killed the girl, using her own hand as the instrument. They turned the pistol to her heart.

There is a lesson in Eva Miller's sad death. And it is not for woman gossips only.

A half dozen men sitting on a dry goods box can retail more scandal in a half hour than a woman's tea party in six hours.

It is a mighty mean man who will speak ill of a woman. It is a mighty mean man who will listen to it.

The Master taught this ill lesson when He said to that lecherous gang who had taken the woman in adultery. "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." How they must have slunk away from His presence!

Poor Eva Miller "got out of the way of the people," masculine, feminine or neuter, who had slandered her. The feelings of those thus responsible for the young girl's death are not to be envied.

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

Lady Henry Somerset, who is the Frances E. Willard of Great Britain, arrived in New York early in the month and tells a sad story about drunkenness and English women.

"Drunkenness is on the increase in England," said Lady Henry. "I am really ashamed to tell the American people in what a deplorable state the United Kingdom is. It has become a nation of drunkards. It seems hopeless to work for its reformation. The increase in intoxication at home is due to the spread of the drink disease among women." Continuing, she said:

"To illustrate to you how women abroad have taken to drink, I want to say that about fifteen years ago the average arrests in London for intoxication was four men to one woman. Now it is three women to one man."

Lady Henry also says that because of the drunkenness among women crime in England has in-

creased. "Women are more excitable, sensitive and nervous in drink than men and in this condition will commit crimes more readily."

But here is something not generally known: Lady Henry Somerset says, "I am sorry to hear that women in America are drinking more than formerly."

The statement is appallingly true. Because when womanhood is besotted the fountain spring of humanity is muddled.

What are we going to do about it?

Is it not about time for another sweeping temperance revival? Has moral suasion been abandoned? And if the remedy is in legislation is it not about time that common sense measures looking toward the suppression of the drink traffic took the place of enactments which legalize.

What are those Florida Baptist preachers doing who only a short while ago advocated the state going into the business as a dispensary.

BIBLE READING TO BECOME A FAD.

Literary critics are predicting a new literary fad in this country. The Bible is to be the next affection.

"Critics, writers and other literary persons are beginning to speak well of Moses," writes one cynic. "His rugged style is approved, and there are admirers in the smoking rooms of the Chicago and New York clubs of the lucid reasoning of Paul and the textual beauty of the Psalms."

No doubt Moses and Paul and David are felicitating themselves over this recent compliment. The spiritual uplift contained in these Hebrew writings is unimportant to these literary loafers. They are concerned about the literary style.

However, it will do these people no hurt to read the Bible, and it may do them good.

Questions of spirituality aside, the Bible is a valuable book because it is the heritage of the Anglo-Saxon race. Its phraseology has gone into our common speech and if you know the language of the Bible and of Shakespeare you will have no trouble to make yourself understood.

The Bible, Shakespeare, and a dictionary are better literary tools than a Carnegie library would be without them.

Where can you find better imagery than in the Old Testament? Where a greater tragedy than in Job? Where loftier thought or feeling than in Isaiah? Where greater dignity than in the Psalms? Where better logic than in the Corinthians? Where greater humanity than in the Sermon on the Mount?

Reading the Bible is a good fad. It has not been fashionable of late. So much the worse for the Republic of Ideas. And so much the worse for the generation that has neglected it. No man can read the Bible and be the same man.

If he reads it as a fad that is better than not to read it at all

THE ADVANCE OF SOCIALISM.

Students of economic problems have frequently called attention to the probable outcome of the highest development of the system of concentrating capital. The railroads have usually been taken as the best illustration of the tendency, doubtless because the question of transportation is one in which the people are most directly interested, and there would be less objection to the government's taking control of the railroads than of a manufacturing industry.

Socialism, as an economic system which would destroy individual effort and competition on which modern society rests is generally held up as the dream of enthusiasts who would force its acceptance by direct changes without waiting for it as an evolutionary development. Its development by the later process is, however, not only possible, but even probable, unless there is a radical departure from the methods of business that are now in vogue.

The railroads have been used to illustrate the development because these vast enterprises are now practically controlled by a coterie of half a dozen men. The Vanderbilts, the Goulds, Morgan, Hill and Harriman are the principal owners, and almost the absolute directors of all the prominent railroads in the United States. It has been pointed out that within a comparatively short time this number will probably be decreased and when the ownership or control of all the railroads passes into the hands of one or two men the time will be ripe for the government to take over the roads as the final step in the evolutionary process. Such a move would, it has been held, be the only natural and the only culminating step.

What is true of the railroads is true in varying degrees of other enterprises and interests whose control is centered in the hands of one man, or party of men acting in agreement.

The anthracite coal trust is, perhaps, the greatest individual monopoly because of the limited area in which the coal is mined and the possibility of its absolute control by a limited number of men. Already the agitation for government control of the anthracite coal mines is general, and the strike has pointed the necessity for interference that will prevent a repetition of the present difficulties. If the government had had the legal right, and had assumed direction of the mines, it is doubtful if there would have been objection from anyone save the coal operators themselves. Such a movement would have been the natural and logical solution of the question that was uppermost in every mind.

It would be possible to pile up other instances which indicate that the tendency to government control, particularly of natural monopolies and public utilities is increasing, and that the progress, instead of being aided by these reformers who would work the change by revolutionary action, is being assisted by the very men whose greed has prompted them to stifle competition through the combination of industries into trusts.

Thus the greatest enemies to socialism or government control, or whatever it may be called, are the men who are contributing most to its achievement.

The theorists may go on with their dreams and build pretty air castles, but the men of action are steadily working toward a goal whose attainment, in their own minds, will be their ruin.

FLORAHOME'S EXHIBIT

Caught the Eye of Practical Northern Farmers.

A Prosperous and Happy Community.

Editor PALATKA NEWS: Through the favor of the managers of the G. S. & F. Ry., and under the direct efficient management of Maj. W. L. Gieseler of Macon, Ga., commissioner of the agricultural department of that road, the delegates to the National Farmer's Congress, recently held at Macon, were treated to a free excursion from Macon to Palatka, Fla. About 400 of these visitors from the north enjoyed—many of them for the first time—a view of the Sunny South and partook of its bounteous climate to the expressed delight of all.

On their return, and according to previous arrangement and notice one week in advance, the train made a stop of half an hour at our station, Florahome, to examine a few of the pick-up products that the colonists here were able from the field and garden to find. Our colony with its short notice determined to show the visitors what a few short months in this favored climate could do in transforming forests and water-couered muck prairie into profitable and pleasant homes.

Accordingly on October 10th, a few came to the depot, lumber was hauled and an open shed 10x30 feet was erected near the track, which with palms, Spanish moss and flowers was decorated by a committee of ladies appointed to that purpose by the fair users exchange. Very few exhibits were placed there on Saturday, but early Monday morning they came by the wagon load, in baskets, boxes, pails and what not until by 10 o'clock, the time appointed for the arrival of the train, the exhibit was ready. It had assumed proportions surprising to the colonists themselves. It was a revelation to all of us. We are a busy people here and little knew the results of the constant labor we were doing, each in his own little province.

To say that the excursionists were pleased and also surprised is to put it mildly. There was sugar cane, cassava, rice, corn, chufas, cow peas, velvet beans, egg plant and other articles of like nature. A large banana graced the front, its base surrounded by pineapples and other of the tropical productions, while on a table near by a huge lemon on a tree scarce two feet high proved it possible to grow fruits of the citrus family this far north. Inside the shed the ladies had placed their particular exhibits, where, themselves removed, that the exhibits might not suffer from being shown, the excursionists had opportunity to examine what Florahome in the kitchen and by the handwork of wives and daughters could produce to cheer the liner and outer man.

Attracting particularly the attention of the practical farmers of the north, the sugar cane, rice and more particularly cassava, held attention. Questions as to the value of cassava, its uses as food for man and beast, were asked and sample of both root and stalk were freely distributed and as freely received. The velvet bean, magnificent samples of its extraordinary yield being shown, also attracted attention and elicited from cattleman the opinion that Florida has within her borders a mine of wealth in the cattle and hog industries second to none in the United States if in the world.

Nearly a bulletin showing not only the possible but the actual products of this immediate section was placed, a copy of which is here given:

"The story is told of a lady, who traveling through Florida viewing its fields of white sand was heard to frequently ask: 'What do the people live on?' Florida 'Cracker' promptly and somewhat truthfully answered: 'Madam, we live on sow belly and sick Yankies.'"

The colonists at Florahome add to the 'Cracker's' list the following list of products, all of which have been grown or are in process of growing on the lands of this colony, producing the list with the best climate God ever gave to His children:

VEGETABLES.
Lima beans
Butter beans
Asparagus
Cauliflower
Collards
Carrots
Beets
Cucumbers
Onions
Sweet potatoes
Peppers
Rice
Tomatoes
Turnips
Pumpkins
Soy beans
Wax beans
Cabbage
Celery
Cucumbers
Corn, sweet
Egg plant
Okra—Gumbo
Parsnips
White potatoes
Radishes
Salsify—Vegetable
[Oysters]

FRUITS.
Alfalfa
Kaffir corn
Millet, all kinds
Cov peas
Beggar weed
Oats
Clover
Lemons
Kumquats
Guavas
Pears
Plums
Pomegranates
Quinces
Blackberries
Blueberries
Mulberries
Hickory nuts
Pecans
Chinquapins
Muskmelons
Citrons
Sugar cane
Castor bean.

Among the novelties shown was a glass of Passi flora (May pop) jelly showing the possibility of converting an otherwise troublesome weed to valuable use. Your correspondent has often been asked "what can be grown in Florida?" I have ever answered the question by saying "the negative of that question is a better one." "What cannot be grown in Florida," and answered that by saying "everything in the temperate and subtropical zones with but few exceptions and many of those belonging to the tropics with slight winter protection."

I believe it to be a fact that the above list will surprise hundreds of native Floridians and also hundreds of people here from the northern

part of the Union who have never stopped to consider the wonderful possibilities of Florida. It stands to day unequalled in the world as a home in all the aspects that bear upon the gradually working its way into the minds of thousands of weary of the privations exacted by the long northern winters and the independence and good health found in our unequalled climate.

The excursionists left us with glad remembrance of the too few short moments spent among us and will ever carry with them the rough picture exhibited and the good cheer of the reception given. We gave them cordial invitations to come again and stay longer or come settle down and enjoy with us the most favored spot in Florida and make a home where the declining years of life may be made a pleasure free from the exacting rigors of snow and ice and a 20° to 40° atmosphere below zero, as many of us have experienced in the frozen north from Nov. to April of each year. A word for our colony. We can say peace, harmony and good will, with one unfortunate exception, exists among us. The unfortunate, coming as it will to us out of a somewhat exacting past, owing to the labor and expense of starting in a new country, is bright with the promise of prosperity and contentment. Our crops this year have been good and abundance is in every household. The health of all has been excellent. A few have gone back to their northern homes but others have come, who, taking warning by the mistakes of their predecessors, will more readily assimilate with us. We welcome them and extend the right hand of fellowship, with the feeling and often the expression of "God be with you and bless you."

Among recent arrivals is Rev. Holzhausen from Wisconsin. He is located 2½ miles south of the depot on a prairie island near Orange Grove Lake, an ideal place for a home. He intends to improve it and make it as near a paradise as this climate affords.

Mr. A. W. Tucker who recently spent a week here looking over his investment has returned to Chicago, but with the expectation of again coming within a month to make his home among us. He has located his home site to the west of the village. A piece of land unequalled in its surroundings for beauty and picturesqueness. Immense live oaks and hickories surround his building spot for many rods on each side. These trees, covered with long droopings of Spanish moss, lend a beauty and charm to the landscape unequalled. They would be a fortune in themselves in some of the resorts better known than our present humble abode, and may be in time here.

D. W. STARKY.

"IT GOES RIGHT TO THE SPOT"

When pain or irritation exists on any part of the body, the application of Ballard's Kidney and Bladder Remedy gives prompt relief. "It goes right to the spot," said an old man who was rubbing it in, to cure his rheumatism. C. R. Smith, Prop'r Smith House, Tenaha, Texas, writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family for several years, and have found it to be a fine remedy for all aches and pains, and I recommend it for pains in the throat and chest." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Ackerman & Stewart, Palatka, and Lounds & Crescent City.

Co Our Subscribers.

Those of our subscribers who are in arrears will please settle up as soon as possible. It is no light task to send out hundreds of bills, and if possible we desire to avoid the labor and expense incident to such an undertaking. Many of our subscribers are delinquent because they give the matter no thought. They probably think that a dollar is a very small sum and that it will not be missed, but they overlook the fact that there are hundreds of others in a like position and that the aggregate of these small sums is very large, the withholding of which is a matter of much importance to us. We trust, therefore, that our readers will understand the necessity of paying up at once without further request. The figures opposite to the name will show the date to which the subscription is paid; if this is 10-20-01 shows that you are paid up to October 20, 1901, and that you owe a year's subscription. If there should be any error in the credit the mistake will be rectified. We are desirous of bringing our list up to date, and we request our subscribers to assist us in doing this by promptly remitting what they owe without putting us to the expense and annoyance of sending out bills.

This notice is only intended for those who are not paid up to date, and a glance at the figures opposite your name will show you whether you are among the number.

RUSSELL & VICKERS, PUBLISHERS.

This 5th day of September, 1902.

WALTER M. DAVIS, Clerk Circuit Court.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA—IN CHANCERY.

Moses Thomas vs. Bill for Divorce.

On today Thomas vs. Bill for Divorce. It appearing by affidavit appended to the bill filed in the above stated cause that Gadday Thomas the Defendant herein named is a non-resident of the State of Florida, and that the residence of the Defendant is unknown, and that she is over the age of twenty-one years, and that there is no person in this State, the service of a subpoena upon whom would bind such Defendant, it is therefore ordered, that said non-resident Defendant be and is hereby required to appear to the bill of complaint filed in said cause on or before Monday the first day of December, A. D. 1902, otherwise the allegations of said bill will be taken as confessed by said Defendant.

It is further ordered that this order be published in a newspaper for eight consecutive weeks in the Palatka News and Advertiser a newspaper published in said County and State.

This 5th day of September, 1902.

[Seal] JUSTICE PRICE, Clerk Circuit Court.

LARGE STOCK OF

Chinese and Japanese

Matting

In choice designs at low prices. Also large stock of

NEW FURNITURE

Just received. Popular prices.

R. S. MOONEY

Palatka, Fla.

Undertaking and Embalming.

KENNERLY HARDWARE CO.

Are county agents for the

Oliver Chilled Plows.

Also for the

PLANET JUNIOR CULTIVATORS

In fact we sell everything in the

H·A·R·D·W·A·R·E

Line. Stoves of all kinds, Cooking Utensils, Hames, Trace Chains, Plow Castings, Spades, Hoes, Shovels, Rakes, Lawn Mowers, Etc., Etc.

Poultry and Fence Wire.

PALATKA, FLA.

30TH YEAR OF PROSPEROUS BUSINESS.

ACKERMAN & STEWART,

* Wholesale and Retail Druggists. *

JUST RECEIVED LARGE LOT LANDRETH'S Fresh Garden Seed. Send in your orders.

INDU COUGH CURE.

25 cents per bottle. Guaranteed by ACKERMAN & STEWART, DRUGGISTS.

The Palatka News....

Does all kinds of Modern Book and Job Printing at popular prices.

The office is equipped with the newest material, and the class of work turned out equals in style that of any Job Printing Establishment in the South. Give us a call and learn something about good work at modest prices.

Palatka News Job Office

Russell & Vickers, Proprietors.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

The Great Through Car Line From Florida.

CONNECTIONS:

TO THE East Over its own rails to Savannah Charleston, Richmond and Washington, thence via Penn. R. R.
VIA ALL RAIL.
TO THE West The Louisville & Nashville via Montgomery.
TO THE East Via Savannah and Ocean Steamship Company for New York Philadelphia and Boston, via N.Y. Wash. and Balt.
VIA STEAMSHIP.
TO Key West U.S. Mail Steamships of the Peninsular & Occidental Steamship Co. Port Tampa to Key West & Havana. In connection with
AND HAVANA The Atlantic Coast Line.

SUMMER TOURIST TICKETS will be on sale until Sept. 30 to the principal resorts throughout the country, limited to return October 31. Write the undersigned and state where you wish to go and proper information will be given.

Something New.

Summer excursion rate to Washington, D. C. from Palatka, \$41.00, tickets limited to October 31, 1902, with 15 day transit limit in each direction. Interchangeable mileage tickets good over 15,000 miles of among the principal railroads in the Southern States are on sale by the principal agents. For complete information call on H. E. Dickens, Ticket Agent, or address: FRANK C. BOYLSTON, Commercial Agent, Jacksonville, Fla.

W. C. CRAIG, H. M. EMERSON, T. M. EMERSON, Gen. Pass. Agent, Asst. Trsf. Mgr., Trsf. Mgr., Wilmington, N. C. Wilmington, N. C. Wilmington, N. C.

Suppose

You Telephone

No. 84 and

see How Quick we can deliver your order for Groceries. Beats tramping in the hot sun all hollow.

We make a specialty of

Fine Butter.

"Aint much money in it, to be sure, but we wouldn't handle the 'frowey' kind and lose our reputation for an even \$10 per pound."

You can get anything in Groceries and Provisions that is BEST at rock bottom prices of

L. C. Stephens.

If you haven't a 'phone come and see us at the corner of Kirby and Morris Sts.

We deliver goods to any part of the city free.

We Make Fine

Confections

And everyone who Eats

it wants more.

Our Chocolates and Bon Bons

are always Fresh and Pure.

Ice Cream, Ice Cream Soda

and other

Mot and Cold Drinks.

FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

The Children are welcome; they always seem to enjoy it.

Fine Cigars and Tobaccos.

L. A. SMITH.

Registration Notice.

The Registration Book for Putnam County will be open in my office at the Court House, in Palatka, for the purpose of registration, on the following days each week: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., commencing August 4th 1902.

HENIS PETERMAN, Registration Officer.

July 27th, 1902.